GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Bandopadhyay Committee enquiring into the affairs of the Indian Council of Historical Research, has submitted its interim report to the Government;

(b) if so, the facts in details and recommendation made therein; and

(c) the action taken/ proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT {SHRI M.A.A. FATMI): (a) Yes, Sir. Bandyopadhyay Committee enquiring into the affairs of the Indian Council of Historical Research (ICHR) has so far submitted two interim reports, one on `non-publication/ stoppage of volumes of Towards Freedom1 Project by ICHR` and the other on `non-submission of research work by scholars, who were given Fellowship by the ICHR during 1995-96 â€" 2000 -2001, as highlighted in the report of the Comptroller & Auditor General of India for 2002-2003.

(b) The Committee in its interim report on Towards Freedom` Project noted that attempts, including stoppage of funding and interruption in publication of volumes under the `Towards Freedom` Project were made to scuttle the project. The Committee has recommended for completion of the project within 24 months and constitution of Editorial Board with appointment of eminent historian as General Editor. The Committee further recommended for streamlining of ttie processing and publication procedure and suggested to take a view regarding the present Council including the Chairman.

The Committee, on the issue of `non-submission of research work by scholars`, observed appropriate remedial measures and recovery of fellowship grant from defaulters.

(c) While the Government have accepted the recommendations of the Committee in the interim report on `non-publication/stoppage of volumes of `Towards Freedom` Project`, the interim report of the Committee on `non-submission of research work by scholars` is under examination.